

DOWNTOWN SUMMER WORSHIP

Hosted by St. Paul's United Church

July 21st, 2024

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Highland Cathedral ~ Callahan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GATHERING MUSIC: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

VU 374 vs 1

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

GREETING: *(Responsive)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

We come seeking rest.

Weary from running from one thing to the next, we fall at the feet of the one who first gave us breath.

We come seeking reorientation.

Drawn by the many distractions in our lives, we seek the guiding light that no darkness can overcome.

We come seeking renewal.

More than refreshment, we seek vibrant purpose and renewed hope as bearers of God's love.

In all our seeking, we come before God in prayer and praise.

Let us worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

VU 658

*O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.*

PRAYER FOR REST

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)*

As we approach our Holy Scriptures, we pray for open minds and hearts, for you O God speak to us still. Through ancient words, you call forth wisdom for today. Renew us in our hearing by the Spirit's power. Attune us to your voice, this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

READING: Matthew 11:28-30, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

VU 382

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

MESSAGE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

HYMN: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

VU 344

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,
and drives away all fear.*

*It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.*

*Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.*

*Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.*

*The effort of my heart is weak,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you whom I seek,
I'll praise you as I ought.*

DEDICATION VERSE: *Grant us God, the Grace*

VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(In Unison)*

God of Holy Rest, as we pause and experience the gift of Sabbath, we gain clarity on all that you have given us. Freed from our worries, distractions, and anxieties, we are overcome by gratitude. Turning towards you we present ourselves, as an offering of thanksgiving. So we give for your service our talents, our treasures, and our time. Bless us and what we bring so that when we move from Holy Rest we are empowered as bearers of your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

VU 626

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'*

*I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.*

COMMISSIONING: *(Responsive)*

Called from worship into service.

We go remembering to cultivate holy moments on our journey of faith.

Encouraged by the Word, we long to follow that Spirit to where God is already at work.

Renewed, we go to the world driven by divine purpose and Spirit-given hope.

Focused on Christ, we seek opportunities to share the gifts we have been given.

Reoriented, we carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

Refreshed in body, mind, and soul, we return to the busyness of our lives with a deeper appreciation of Sabbath time.

Having rested, we are ready to face life anew knowing that God's Holy Presence is with us.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC: *Go To the World*

VU 420 vs 3

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Scripture Reader: Cathy Davis

Greeters: Mary Stickles, Erin Webb, Glynis Martin Audio Visual: John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE! May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in person and by Zoom.



OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS FOR SUMMER

The office is closed on Fridays throughout the summer. Emails will be monitored and responded to when possible. Thank you for your understanding.

FUNDSCRIP

The next deadline for FundScrip gift cards is **Sunday, August 4th**. If you have been travelling this summer, you probably need more gas cards. If you have had a lot of hungry visitors, you might want to replenish your pantry using grocery store cards. Kids will be back at school before you know it. Shop for school supplies with FundScrip gift cards. With this order, we'll now resume our regular deadline schedule... the first Sunday of the month. Watch for reminders in the weekly eNews and the Sunday bulletins. Remember: **Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.**



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **proteins with flip top lids and pudding cups**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, white and brown sugar, tea, granola bars, mayo, jam, juice boxes, orange juice, pasta sauce, apple sauce, baking soda, baking powder, cookies, canned fruit, frosting, flakes of chicken, tuna, and salmon, pudding cups, flour, plastic wrap, laundry and dish soap, toilet paper, Mr. Clean, Comet, and toothpaste. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Wark/St. Paul's Scholarships – Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's and who plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available at [scholarships-bursaries](#) Applications must be received on or before **July 31st**.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

July 28th | August 4th

Downtown United Services at St. Paul's at 10:30am

August 11th | August 18th | August 25th

Downtown United Services at Wilmot at 10:30am

BOOKING MEETING SPACE AT ST. PAUL'S

As the use of our space at St. Paul's gets busier, please remember to book your meetings space through the office. Drop by in person, call 458-1183 or email Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.

DOWNTOWN UNITED SUMMER SCHEDULE

Please join us this summer for Downtown United +
Everyone is welcome!

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH & Via Zoom

224 York St. Fredericton NB | Tel. 458-1183

Sunday Services at 10:30am

July 21st | July 28th | August 4th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740> Password: 657067

View later: <https://www.youtube.com/st.pauls>

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH & Via YouTube

473 King St. Fredericton | 458-1066

Sunday Services at 10:30am

August 11th | August 18th | August 25th

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WilmotUnitedChurch?app=desktop>



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